

# Indian Boarding School Schedule



- Date** ★ For February 1, 1912
- Places** ★ Cushman Indian School, Tacoma, Washington
- Type of Source** ★ Daily Life
- Author** ★ Cushman School Administration
- Context** ★ To assimilate Native Americans into U.S. society, the U.S. government established Indian boarding schools. Children were often taken to the schools against their, and their parents', will and usually prevented from seeing their families once in school. One supporter said they should "kill the Indian and save the man." This was a typical day for students at such a school. The schools continued until the 1960s.

5:45 <small>A.M.</small>	<b>Reveille.</b>
5:55 to 6:10	Setting Up Exercise & Drill.
6:12	<b>Air Beds.</b>
6:12 to 6:45	Recreation.
6:45	First Call for Breakfast.
6:55	Assembly. Roll Call.
7:00	Breakfast.
7:30 to 7:35	Care of teeth.
7:35 to 7:40	Make beds.
7:40 to 7:55	<b>Police Quarters.</b>
7:55	<b>Industrial Call.</b>
8:00	Industrial work begins. School <b>detail at liberty</b> . The use of this period is at pupils' <b>discretion</b> . The more <b>studious</b> at books; those inclined to athletics make use of this time for practice. Some pupils practice music lessons, etc.
8:50	First School Call. Roll Call and Inspection.
9:00	School.
11:30	Recall. Pupils at liberty.
11:55	Assembly and Roll Call.
12:00	<b>Dinner.</b>

**reveille**  
*wake-up call*

**air**  
*hang sheets to freshen them*

**police quarters**  
*clean room*

**industrial call**  
*starting time for students being taught a trade in the school factory*

**detail**  
*assigned group*

**at liberty**  
*free time*

**discretion**  
*choice*

**studious**  
*pupils interested in studying*

**dinner**  
*in this case, it means lunch (as opposed to the evening meal, supper)*

12:30	Recreation.	
12:50	School and Industrial Call. Inspection.	
1:00 P.M.	Industrial work and School.	
3:30	School dismissed. School detail at liberty. Time spent in same general manner as morning detail <b>utilizes</b> period from 8:00 to 8:50.	<b>utilizes</b> <i>uses</i>
4:30	Industrial recall. Drill and Gymnasium classes.	
5:15	First Call.	
5:25	Assembly. Roll Call.	
5:30	Supper.	
6:00	Care of teeth.	
6:10	Recreation.	
7:15	First Call.	
7:25	Roll Call. Inspection.	
7:30	Lecture. This period varies in length. Men <b>prominent</b> in education or civic affairs address the pupils.	<b>prominent</b> <i>notable</i>
8:15	Call to <b>Quarters</b> . Older pupils prepare lessons; intermediate children play.	<b>quarters</b> <i>the dormitory or rooms</i>
8:45	<b>Tattoo</b> . Pupils <b>retire</b> .	<b>tattoo</b> <i>a military drum call signalling time to come home</i>
8:55	Check.	<b>retire</b> <i>go to bed</i>
9:00	<b>Taps</b> .	<b>taps</b> <i>military signal for bed and lights out. No activity is allowed afterward.</i>

Source: University of Washington Library.